

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: J. Don Chen et al.

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Receptors and Uses Therefor

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 11) mailed October 14, 1999. A separate request for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee based on small entity status are being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as follows: